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The meeting was called to order at 11.05 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/AC.109/2005/4-6, 8-9, 12-13 and 16; A/AC.109/2005/L.10)

2. **The Chairman** drew attention to the various working papers prepared by the Secretariat and containing information on the item and to draft resolution A/AC.109/2005/L.10.

3. **Mr. Maleki** (Islamic Republic of Iran) read out proposed amendments to the third preambular paragraph and suggested that paragraphs 1 to 3 should either be made into preambular paragraphs or reworded. Finally, paragraph 12 should be reworded as follows: "Appeals to trade unions and non-governmental organizations, as well as individuals, to continue their efforts to promote the economic well-being of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and also appeals to the media to disseminate information about the developments in this regard" to make it clear that the Committee was asking the mass media to disseminate information to both the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and the Committee.

4. **Mr. Gregoire** (Dominica) agreed that the media, trade unions and non-governmental organizations had different responsibilities. The proposed amendment made that clear.

5. **The Chairman** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/AC.109/2005/L.10, with the oral amendments to paragraph 12, without a vote.

6. *It was so decided.*

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/2005/L.11)

7. **The Chairman** drew attention to the draft resolution contained in document A/AC.109/2005/L.11, which was the result of long and diligent consultations among all interested delegations and faithfully reflected the Committee's views on the 11 Non-Self-Governing Territories mentioned in the title. He wished to seek the Committee's permission to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure, so that it could take a decision on the draft resolution, even though it had been distributed only that morning. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Committee agreed with his suggestion.

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **Mr. Maleki** (Islamic Republic of Iran) said that the reference to the establishment of the Inter-Virgin Islands Council contained in paragraph 3 of the section on the British Virgin Islands did not seem to have been included in the section on the United States Virgin Islands, as previously agreed.

10. **Mr. Cherniavsky** (Secretary of the Committee) apologized for the omission and said that the reference would be inserted in the appropriate place.

11. **The Chairman** said that, he would take it the Committee wished to adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/AC.109/2005/L.11, as orally amended, without a vote.

12. *It was so decided.*

Report of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/2005/L.14)

13. **The Chairman** drew attention to the report of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/2005/L.14), which contained the Committee's decisions and recommendations on a variety of issues, including the question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters; representation at seminars and meetings; the question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration was applicable; and participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Special Committee. The draft report had been discussed at informal consultations held on 16 June. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee was ready to approve the report contained in document A/AC.109/2005/L.14.

14. *It was so decided.*

Draft report of the Caribbean Regional Seminar
(A/AC.109/2005/CRP.1)

15. **The Chairman** drew attention to the draft report of the Caribbean Regional Seminar contained in document A/AC.109/2005/CRP.1, which reflected the Committee's current stand on all decolonization issues. If he heard no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report of the Caribbean Regional Seminar and annex it to the Committee's report to the General Assembly.

16. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.